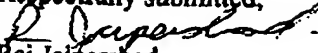


David C. Hovda et al
Application No.: 10/656,597
Response to Office Action of Jan 12/06
Page 8 of 8

Docket No.: S-12

Respectfully submitted,


Raj Jaispershad

Attorney for Applicant

Reg. No. 44,168

ArthroCare Corporation
680 Vaqueros Ave.
Sunnyvale, CA 94085-3523
(408) 735-6486